



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Albemarle, North Carolina

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

Discovering the truth about ourselves is a lifetime's work, but it's worth the effort.

PEALING OF THE BELLS

OPENING SENTENCES

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
The mercies of God never come to an end.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God.

The holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved.

God will help it when the morning dawns.

The Lord of hosts is with us.

The God of Jacob is our refuge.

Reverend Ayscue

Psalm 46:4-7

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, you have shown your love for all things through the beauty of creation. As we worship you, may our hearts and lives be so transformed that we recognize beauty in ourselves, in our neighbors, and in the world. Turn our thoughts outward that we may love as you first loved us. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

God of all creation, you have made us in your image and called us to love our neighbor. We want to love as you love; yet we find it easy to turn away from our neighbors, to stand apart from those who are not like us. The burden of loving one another is too heavy for us. We pray you will heal our brokenness, renew our spirit, and open our hearts through your love.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

MUSICAL RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

From
*The World According
to Mister Rogers*
by Fred Rogers.

Lamentations 3:22

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Barbara McManus

Recorded March 4, 2018

ANTHEM

Abide with Me

Malcolm Archer

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of this global neighborhood, we pray your Holy Spirit will touch our hearts and open our minds to the truth of your love for all people and your call to community through Christ. Amen.

Sermons are posted on the church's website (www.fpcalbemarle.org). You can usually find the previous Sunday's sermon by Wednesday.

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Ephesians 4:25-5:2* Kim Robertson, reader
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Mentionable and Manageable

Reverend Drumheller

The Brief Statement is a confession intended to be used in worship. Today we use the familiar words of the introduction and conclusion of the statement.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Wer nur den lieben Gott

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYER FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD
AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Melissa Eudy

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

O Rest in the Lord

Felix Mendelssohn

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

God Be in My Head

John Rutter

Recorded
October 14, 2018

God be in my head and in my understanding.
God be in mine eyes and in my looking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.
God be in mine heart and in my thinking.
God be at my end and in my departing.

Thank you to David Kilde and Skeet Ayscue for helping to create this morning’s video. Thank you to Kim Robertson, Barbara McManus, and Melissa Eudy for helping with worship.

This week’s worship video will become available at 10:00 a.m. To access the worship video, go to the church’s website (www.fpcalbemarle.org) and click on the worship banner or search for the church on *YouTube* and click on the appropriate video.

Worship during the months of June, July, and August will take place at 10:00 a.m.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Linda Richards (physical therapy at Forrest Oakes), Tom Bonekemper (cousin of Linda Anderson; pancreatic cancer), Jean Rabe, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.

All staff members are working at home whenever possible and the church building is closed most of the time. The church's answering machine is being checked periodically; however, in case of an emergency, please contact Elizabeth (704.985.2945) or Matt (540.449.5319) directly.

On Mondays and Wednesdays, Matt and Elizabeth will lead Morning Prayer at 10:00 a.m. through Zoom. To access the meeting, go to the church’s website (www.fpcalbemarle.org) and click on the *Morning Prayer* banner. You can also find the link through the Facebook event.

Mom’s Group via Zoom...If you are a mom who could use some support from peers in the church, there is a group gathering on Zoom. Led by Melissa Eudy and Sandy Saunders, this group meets on Wednesday nights at 9:00 p.m. Please contact Melissa Eudy (the5eudys@gmail.com or 704-439-6747) for the Zoom details.



Digital Devotionals, based on the Psalms, are on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. If you have a Psalm you would like to have read, contact Elizabeth (eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722).

First Presbyterian Church Storytime for Children

**Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. for PreK-Kindergarten
via YouTube livestream video**

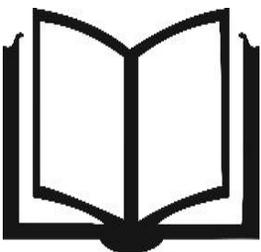
Matt or Elizabeth will livestream a video reading a children’s book.
To access the video, go to the First Presbyterian Church website (www.fpcalbemarle.org) and click on the Storytime banner.

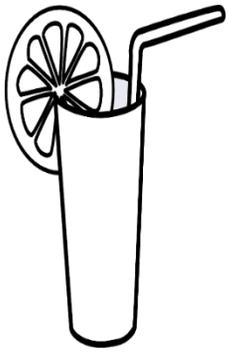
Tuesdays at 1:15 p.m. for 1st-3rd Graders via Zoom

Matt or Elizabeth will host a Zoom call with the 1st through 3rd graders to read a chapter book with them.

This will be about 20 minutes of reading time.

Email Matt (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org) for the Zoom code and password.





Lemonade on the Lawn via Zoom

Beginning this Sunday, we will enjoy our summer tradition of Lemonade on the Lawn (online) immediately following worship. You are invited to bring your own lemonade or beverage of your choice and join others for conversation.

Gathering will be simple. Along with the information regarding access to Sunday worship, you will receive the zoom link to gain entry to Lemonade on the Lawn.

We hope to see you following worship on Sundays beginning this week (June 28).

Magazine Donations

Jean Rabe requests the donation of your already read magazines to share with others at Trinity Place.



You can either take them to the front desk at Trinity Place (24724 US 52 Business South, Albemarle) and ask that they be delivered to Jean or

bring them by the church on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings for delivery.



As we, as a congregation, educate ourselves about systemic racism, you are invited to participate in the following zoom conversations:

Tuesday, June 30 at 7:00 p.m.

We will discuss the book, *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson, and the movie based on the book.

Both readers and movie watchers are encouraged to share in the conversation.

Monday, July 27 at 7:00 p.m.

We will discuss the book *Waking Up White* by Debby Irving

In order to participate in either of these conversations, you will need to contact the office to express interest. Information regarding the link to the zoom call will then be emailed to you.

SHOP & DROP FOR SCCM

Thursday, July 16

11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Drop your donations at the front steps of the church.

(126 West North Street, Albemarle)

Event will take place rain or shine.



The Mission Committee is sponsoring a *Shop & Drop* to help supply the food pantry at SCCM with needed food items as well as personal hygiene items, toiletries, and paper products.

Most needed items are:

Canned Fruit in Light Syrup, Canned Pasta Meals, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Hygiene Items, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes (pkgs. no larger than 4), Bar Soap, Hand Soap, and Laundry Detergent (no larger than 100 oz.)

These items may be brought to the front steps of the church, 126 West North St., where there will be folks to assist you. This event will take place rain or shine.

Let's try to cover the steps with nourishment for our neighbors!

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 28

Online Youth Group

- 10:00 am Online Worship
- 11:00 am Lemonade on the Lawn via Zoom

Monday, June 29

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

Tuesday, June 30

- 10:00 am Digital Devotion
- 1:00 pm Online Story Time (PreK-Kindergarten)
- 1:15 pm Online Story Time (1st-3rd Graders)
- 7:00 pm Conversation on *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson

Wednesday, July 1

- 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast Zoom Meeting
Contact Jeff Robertson (jeff.a.robertson10@gmail.com)
for Zoom link
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 9:00 pm Mom's Group via Zoom
with Melissa Eudy & Sandy Saunders

Thursday, July 2

- 10:00 am Digital Devotional

Saturday, July 4

Independence Day

Sunday, July 5

- 10:00 am Online Worship
- 11:00 am Lemonade on the Lawn via Zoom

**Your on-going support of First Presbyterian Church is essential to the mission and ministry of the church and to the well-being of our ministry partners, locally and globally.
Thank you for your generosity.**

**Tithes and offerings may be mailed to:
First Presbyterian Church
P.O. Box 1578
Albemarle, NC 28002**

**Online giving can be done through the
church's website
(www.fpcalbemarle.org).
Click on the GIVE button.**

URGENT NEEDS FOR SCCM...

**CHECK THE STANLY COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN MINISTRY FACEBOOK PAGE
FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION**

Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Pasta Meals, Canned Meats, Canned Veggies, Canned Fruit, Boxed Mac n Cheese

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
JUNE
28-Maddox Jolly
Sophie Poplin
Robin Lemons
30-Anna Wainwright

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!
JUNE
28-Wes & Melissa Eudy
29-Ken Knight & Connie Wallace

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
JULY
01-Gina Martin
Ben McLeod
03-Addison Marks
04-Don Abernathy